



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

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Mr. Austin R. Evers  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request  
FOIA Control No.: 19-FI-HQ-xxxxx

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 28, 2019. Your request was received on February 4, 2019, and you asked for all records reflecting costs reimbursed or paid directly by the Department of Housing and Urban Development between December 21, 2018, and January 25, 2019, for any reimbursable expenses attributable to any political appointee, to include any payments associated with travel (including the travel of any staff or security detail assigned to a political appointee), long-term housing, the cost of government transportation, individual airfare for government employees and/or their spouses, lodging, meals, per diem payments, rental vehicles, overtime payments, payments made via government charge cards or travel cards, or any other reimbursable expenses.

A search of Headquarters' records by knowledgeable staff failed to locate any documents that would be responsive to your request. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer confirmed that no entries were made in the Department's Concur travel and expense system for any activity during the requested timeframe.

I am the official responsible for this determination based on information provided by the Department's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. You may appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to appeal, your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting the appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal and addressed to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Attention: FOIA Appeals  
Office of Ethics, Appeals and Personnel Law  
Ethics and Appeals Division  
451 Seventh Street, SW, Suite 2130  
Washington, DC 20410

Telephone: (202) 708-3815

You may also submit your appeal online at:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/foia/foiaappeals](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/foia/foiaappeals).

In addition, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Telephone: 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448

FAX: 202-741-5769

Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 402-3450. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Bodell', written in a cursive style.

Ethan G. Bodell, Esq.  
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